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1. **Riga:** The capacity of Riga harbor is scheduled to be increased by 350%, and new concrete piers, a marine railway, and motorized loading equipment are to be provided. Implementing this plan, construction material is being shipped on an increasing scale to Riga from Rostock. Cranes, conveyor belts and an unloading bridge (Entladebrücke) were sent to Riga in early March. The unloading bridge was taken from the Osthafen, Berlin.
2. **Stettin:** The Poles are finding it increasingly difficult to keep Stettin harbor operating, placing most of the blame on Soviet dismantling commissions and particularly on the Soviet Navy Commission which is still active (April 1947). In February, the former coal and gasoline harbor near Altdamm had to be closed because of excessive sand accumulation. In March, the dismantling commission shipped the last two large harbor dredges to Riga.
3. **Wismar:** In late March, approximately 3,000 skilled laborers were working on the enlargement of Wismar harbor. the 1938 cargo handling capacity was one million tons and that present plans call for that figure to be doubled. However, work in progress has not, to date, included the erection of warehouses, silos and similar installations; current construction centers on large underground storage tanks and pressure pumps. At the present time, harbor entry is possible for 7,000 ton vessels with a ten meter draught.
4. Erection of the Vulcan-Werft AG, formerly of Stettin, is under way and the administrative buildings and construction offices have been finished, together with all facilities. Two floating docks (2,000 and 5,000 tons) of the Vulcan-Werft have arrived in Wismar.
5. Repair shops for submarines, built by the Germans in 1941 and subsequently enlarged several times, have been further enlarged and are nearly completed. Only Soviet workers are employed on this project.

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6. The 3,000 skilled German workers in Wismar belong to various construction firms in the Russian Zone. The identities of these firms are not known; on SMA order, they founded branch enterprises for the express purpose of working on the Baltic harbors. A great number of forced workers are also employed. These are arbitrarily selected by the Russians and detained for two to three week periods, when they are released and replaced by new conscripts.

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